

name—the first Asian American mayor of a major U.S. city, the first chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, and the first Asian American member of a presidential Cabinet—dot a remarkable career that has been dedicated to bettering lives through efficient transportation, expanding civil rights for all, and strengthening Asian American and Pacific Islander participation in public life.

I thank my dear friend Norm Mineta for his tremendous and longstanding leadership, and I look forward to continuing to work with him on behalf of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community.

HONORING CARLA FURSTENBERG
COHEN

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 17, 2010

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to honor Carla Furstenberg Cohen, whose creative ideas and feisty energy were embodied in her legendary bookstore, Politics and Prose, here in the Nation's capital. With her partner, Barbara Meade, Carla Cohen, who died on October 11, 2010, built a small storefront with eclectic books into a major public literary salon that defined Washington as more than a gray government town.

Her love of books could not be contained inside the book covers alone, however. Politics and Prose also became a combination discussion platform for authors—from Bill Clinton to Alice Walker—basement coffee shop with open mics for musicians, and a hangout for browsers turned off by the big box chain stores.

No one who knew Carla, as I did at Antioch College, can be surprised that Carla Furstenberg, with her effervescent personality, had the power to create an institution. She did not leave all that energy at college, however. Of course, Carla, like the brightest young women of her generation, got a master's degree, was married for 52 years to David Cohen, and had two children. She worked in urban planning and housing and served as a staff member in the House of Representatives before joining the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

However, Carla found her true calling at Politics and Prose, "a place where books are not commodities." The bookstore was a meeting place for those who wanted to do more than buy books. People who found it important to have a place to talk about books and about politics, art, and the issues and items of the day often found their way to Politics and Prose.

Carla Cohen threw herself and her savings into Politics and Prose, mortgaging her house and borrowing from family and friends to open the store in 1984, when the mega bookstores were at their high point. The giant retailers responded by trying to copy what they could from the book lovers' intimate atmosphere of Politics and Prose. The bookstore continued to thrive. Despite the recession, its sales, at \$7.5 million, were \$3 million more than two years ago.

Politics and Prose will survive its extraordinary creator. Though the bookstore was put

up for sale shortly before Carla Cohen's death, co-owner Barbara Meade is conducting the sale by actually interviewing the six finalists, among more than 50 who made offers.

The lessons should be clear enough. If bookstores want to survive at all in the age of electronic books, they had best study the model that Carla Furstenberg Cohen created.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the amazing life of Carla Furstenberg Cohen of Politics and Prose, a legacy with life still to give.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BATTLEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL BOBCATS,
2010 VIRGINIA AAA DIVISION 6
FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 17, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Battlefield High School Bobcats from Gainesville, Virginia for winning the 2010 Virginia AAA Division 6 State Championship in football.

The Battlefield High School team completed the regular season with a record of 8 wins and 2 losses. To capture the title, Battlefield won four straight playoff games and defeated a team from Hermitage High School in Richmond, Virginia that had only lost once in their previous 47 games. Battlefield also won their second straight Northwest Region Championship this season. This is Battlefield High School's first State Championship in a team sport. The team is one of only 50 high school football teams out of more than 16,000 nationwide to be honored by the MaxPreps Football Tour of Champions with the National Guard National Ranking Trophy. In recognition of his outstanding leadership, the Washington Post named Head Coach Mark Cox the 2010 All-Met Coach of the Year.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the staff, coaches and players who helped Battlefield High School win the 2010 Virginia AAA Division 6 State Championship.

Principal: Amy Ethridge-Conti.

Athletic Director: Ben Stutler.

Head Coach: Mark Cox.

Assistance Coaches: Mark Johnson, Rob Mello, Vic Ceglie, Paul Labazzetta, Jaime Labazzetta, Bobby Coleman, Greg Williams, Kevin Kerns, Sam Newman, Don Fair, John White, Tim Coughlin.

Players: Terrell Tapscott, Andrew Smith, Bobby Curry, Brian Curry, Sidney Henry, Isaiah Wright, Michael Jorgenson, Nathan McGahan, Ishmail Gazawi, Caleb Pinilis, JT Brosnahan, Devon Greene, Ryan Swingle, Devonne Haydon, Jeff Beathard, Cedric Agyeman, Quantray Wilkerson, Nagee Jackson, Anthony Lopez, Jason Hoepker, Jay Onwuka, Lucas Klugh, Chris Wendle, Jake Conway, Grayson Matthews, River Piercy, Eric Michael, Drew Elias, Austin Thibodeaux, Joe Walker, D'Anthonie Delgado, Darius Johnson, Nick Newman, Ryan Newton, Mike Osei, Xavier Stringfellow, Dane Howard, Eddie Cunha, Freddie Potter, Harrison Hyre, Zac Everett, Blaine Varley, David Risoldi, Eric Loehle, Jack Taylor, John Agnos, Ronald Ausberry, Brandon Whaley, Garrett Fox, CJ Incrominias, Brandon Dukeman, Larry

Fields, Darion Duncan, William Soloman, Robert Garland, Turner Meeks, Brian Wilson, Jon Hyre, Jacob Payne.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Battlefield High School Bobcats for winning the 2010 Virginia AAA Division 6 State Championship. This is a well-deserved title that could not have been won without an extraordinary team effort.

IN HONOR OF DARLENE DUNHAM

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 17, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable public service career of Darlene Dunham. Darlene is retiring from her work in Monterey County as the chief of Staff for County Supervisor Simon Salinas. However, she has had a long path of education and leadership before going to work for the County of Monterey. Of historical interest, Darlene was one of the top 16 money winners on the old television game show The Joker's Wild.

Darlene returned to college after having two children, Troy and Denyse. In 1983, she opened her own political consulting and training firm named Darlene Dunham and Associates. By 1998, she had expanded her business by 3 partners and focused on management training and consulting to the agricultural community. She finally received her Masters degree in Leadership at the age of 57.

Darlene spent a decade working in state and local political campaigns as a fundraiser and campaign consultant for now famous Willie Brown, former Speaker of the California Assembly, and former state legislators, now Members of Congress, LUCILLE ROYBAL-AL-LARD, XAVIER BECERRA, JIM COSTA, MAXINE WATERS, DIANE WATSON, and myself. While serving as chair of the Monterey County Commission on the Status of Women, Darlene led the first sexual harassment training course for county employees and was one of the first persons certified by the California State Bar Association to train public and private sector personnel including California prison guards.

Along with running her business, Darlene found time to get involved in the community. Darlene has served on the Monterey County Arts Council, she has volunteered with the Salinas Women's Crisis Center, she served as a representative on the Hartnell College Board of Trustees, Vice Chair of the City of Salinas Recreation-Park Commission, and a board member of the Education Foundation for Salinas Union High School District. She was recognized as one of the outstanding women of Monterey County's Commission on the Status of Women. The Salinas Chamber of Commerce gave Darlene their Athena Award for outstanding businesswoman.

Darlene's passion and leadership led her to organize a trip to Morelia, Mexico to provide an opportunity for a group of Elementary School teachers to study the Spanish language and the Mexican culture. Darlene notes that she is looking forward to being retired so she can return to traveling the world with her husband and enjoying her grandchildren Emma, age 4, and Truman, age 1½.

Madam Speaker, I know that I am not alone in recognizing the work of this amazing